

Medical Assistants (31-9092)

Occupation description: Perform administrative and certain clinical duties under the direction of a physician. Administrative duties may include scheduling appointments, maintaining medical records, billing, and coding information for insurance purposes. Clinical duties may include taking and recording vital signs and medical histories, preparing patients for examination, drawing blood, and administering medications as directed by physician. Excludes Physician Assistants (29-1071).

Employment and Job Openings

| | Average employment | | | Average annual openings | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------|
| | 2014 estimate | 2024 projection | Percent change | Growth | Replacement | Total |
| Alaska | 1,285 | 1,535 | 19.5 | 25 | 29 | 54 |
| United States | 591,300 | 730,200 | 23.5 | 13,890 | 12,330 | 26,210 |

Job outlook

Alaska: Alaska's employment growth is strong with very high employment opportunities. [Read more.](#)

2016 Wages ?

| | Mean Wage | Wage by Percentile | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|
| | Mean | 10th | 25th | Median | 75th | 90th |
| United States | 15.79 | 10.99 | 12.91 | 15.17 | 18.16 | 21.78 |
| Alaska | 19.88 | 14.09 | 16.65 | 19.38 | 23.04 | 26.49 |
| Anchorage/Mat-Su Area | 18.86 | 11.47 | 16.16 | 18.74 | 22.31 | 25.17 |
| Fairbanks North Star Borough | 20.76 | 16.43 | 18.55 | 20.84 | 23.07 | 25.24 |
| Southeast Region | 19.95 | 14.70 | 16.81 | 20.14 | 22.84 | 24.48 |
| Balance of State | 21.90 | 15.74 | 17.45 | 20.77 | 24.60 | 28.83 |

Labor Force Indicators

2015 Worker Characteristics

| Total workers | Nonresident workers | Percent nonresident | Percent age 45 plus | Percent age 50 plus |
|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1,738 | 168 | 9.7 | 17.5 | 11.3 |

2015 Potential Supply

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| Qualified but working in another occupation | 317 |
| Currently employed in a lower paid occupation | 65 |
| UI claimants previously working in occupation | 155 |

2015 ALEXsys Employment Data

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| Number of registrants | 1,033 |
| Number of job position postings | 218 |

Typical Entry-level Education, Experience, and/or On-the-job Training

Education: Postsecondary non-degree award

Work experience: None

On-the-job training: None

Training Resources

Degree

ABC of Alaska (Anchorage)

Bloodborne Pathogens

Degree

Alaska Career College (Anchorage)

Insurance Coding and Billing

Certificate

Medical Assistant

Certificate

Degree

Alaska Med Code (Anchorage)

Professional Medical Coder, Anchorage

Professional Medical Coder, MatSu Valley

Degree

Amundsen Educational Center (Soldotna)

Professional Medical Coding

Degree

AVTEC (Seward)

Business & Office Technology Medical Administrative Assistant

Degree

Beacon Occupational Health and Safety Services (Anchorage)

Bloodborne Pathogens

Degree

Charter College, Anchorage (Anchorage)

Medical Assistant

Certificate

Medical Office Administration: Concentration in Medical Assistant

Certificate

Degree

Charter College, Wasilla (Wasilla)

Medical Assistant

Certificate

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| | Degree |
| Galena Interior Learning Academy (Galena) | |
| Health Science | |
| | Degree |
| Iisagvik College (Barrow) | |
| Medical Coding Specialist | Certificate |
| Medical Office Administration | AAS |
| Medical Office Administration I | Certificate |
| Medical Office Administration II | Certificate |
| | Degree |
| Multimed (Anchorage) | |
| American Safety & Health Institute (ASHI) Blood Borne Pathogens | |
| | Degree |
| North Star Computing (Fairbanks) | |
| Medical Office Practice | |
| Step-by-Step Medical Coding | |
| | Degree |
| Partners for Progress in Delta, Inc (Delta Junction) | |
| Medical Terminology | |
| | Degree |
| TSS - The Safety Specialists (Ketchikan) | |
| Bloodborne Pathogens | |
| | Degree |
| University of Alaska Anchorage (Anchorage) | |
| Medical Assisting | AAS |
| Medical Office Coding | OEC |
| | Degree |
| University of Alaska Anchorage, Kenai (Soldotna) | |
| Paramedical Tech | AAS |
| | Degree |
| University of Alaska Anchorage, Mat-Su (Palmer) | |
| Paramedical Tech | AAS |

| | Degree |
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| University of Alaska Fairbanks, CTC (Fairbanks) | |
| Health Care Reimbursement | CT2 |
| Medical Assistant | AAS |
| Medical Assistant | CT2 |
| Medical Coding | OEC |
| Medical Office Reception | OEC |
| Medical/Dental Reception | CT2 |

| | Degree |
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| Vocational Training and Resource Center (Juneau) | |
| Medical Administrative Assistant | |
| Medical Coding and Billing | |

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